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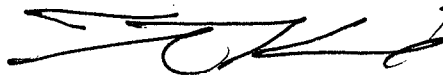
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements dated December 7, 2006, enclosed are the following:

- ☐ Part 2 of Formalities Letter (not necessary when e-filing)
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- ☒ Declaration of Inventors which has been executed by the named inventor(s) and an Assignee Power of Attorney
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☐ Check in the amount of to cover the filing fee of and the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f)
- ☒ All fees are being authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 when electronically filing
- ☐ English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) fee for filing late.
- ☒ Other: Extension of Time; Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b); Assignee POA
- ☒ Any deficiency, additional fee, or credit may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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